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SCI/A  
Salzburg, Austria

To: DDCI

From: DCI/DC

Subject: Report on Project "CACTUS"

A. Background

Following a detailed interrogation of SABER (DD 200), from 8.6.45 to 1.7.45 by SCI/A it was determined that he could be reliably utilized in various CG capacities under SCI/A control. Most important of these are: (a) CIS informant (b) Penetration of JB-head and/or JB-head controlled intelligence services and other subversive organizations, and (c) re-establishing contact with the Japanese IS under the pretense of a German spy-behind agent.

First, Saber was given a carefully prepared cover story to explain to numerous former friends and contacts his freedom of movement and action. A well-known fact among the CIS itself that Saber had been arrested by the Nazis on February 12, 1945, and was expected to lose his life because of his position within the CIS serves as the best cover for having obtained freedom from the Americans so soon. The fact that he is Jewish and self-red much criticism on this account also helps to make his release seem logical. Saber is developing a transportation firm which will operate between Trieste and Austria and will provide him with a genuine business cover for controlling agent operations from Trieste as well as Austria.

In order to prevent foreign powers from obtaining knowledge of Saber's activities in behalf of SCI/A, he has been ordered to disband all active contacts with former members of his LMX organization with specific important exceptions. The movements of all former LMX members are carefully recorded by SCI/A in the event it should become necessary to arrest and detain any such personnel for security reasons. Saber is following instructions to run his various penetration schemes through the use of selected and approved sub-agents, who themselves have no knowledge that Saber is gathering information for any other than his own personal and political (anti-Communist) reasons.

B. Saber as CIS Informant to SCI/A

Subject's extensive knowledge of CIS personalities throughout the Balkan and Austria has made him an invaluable source of information in locating, identifying, and interrogating them. Extreme caution has been taken to camouflage all information from Saber leading to the arrest of wanted individuals in order to protect him as a potential long-range agent-informant.

EXEMPTIONS Section 3(b)  
(2)(A) Privacy   
(2)(B) Methods/Sources   
(2)(G) Foreign Relations

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6. Operation of IR-land (or IR-land Controlled) Intelligence.

1. Picture Project.

This project is operated through 200/6 (See Saber Intern. Rpt. No.1). 200/6 has a local Kingdom of Jugoslavia Committee identity card No. 6041/48, born 21.10.12 in Bor, Serbia; living with mistress (200/15) in Salzburg, Hotel "Goldener Hirsch", Getreidegasse. 200/15 was 17.8.18 in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia. She is a stage actress. Corri's Kingdom of Jugoslavia Committee identity card No. 6041/48. The wife and two children of 200/6 are living in the States.

(Zoran Mijatovic)

200/6 fled from Vienna to Vorarlberg by auto early in April 1945 and came to Salzburg in late July, when he met Saber. Here 200/6 discussed his various contacts and possibilities of continuing his work against the Communists in Jugoslavia. When it became apparent that 200/6 had an active intelligence organization, Saber was directed to obtain his full confidence and offer such assistance and advice as possible. This will not only enable SCI/A to penetrate and control the intelligence activities of the Kingdom of Jugoslavia Committee in Austria, but will also enable SCI/A to tap in on all CI information produced on the Communist Intelligence personnel and operations in Jugoslavia and Austria. 200/6 is a sort Nationalist who knows the exact political affiliations of Jugoslav refugees and claims to have contact with Mihailovic himself. He further claims to have six W/T operators at his disposal.

(a) Contact with 200/18

200/18 is a prominent member of the National Serb Freikorps Corps and is head of an extensive intelligence network in Croatia and Serbia. He works closely with Mihailovic. Subject had 2 W/T sets and 4 couriers as late as mid-June 1945 and was located with a group of followers in the Jastrebac mountains south of Belgrade. This contact is being re-established through the use of three Serb agents, 200/16, 200/17 and 200/18, who had fled to the Tirol and Vorarlberg with 200/6. These agents were dispatched from Salzburg on 12 September. They are equipped with French passes and identification papers which will allow them to travel to Trieste. In Trieste they will contact a Communist Komissar (who is actually an anti-Communist installed in this position by the Serb Freikorps Corps) who will give them the necessary assistance to reach the 200/18 group. 200/16 was designated as courier and will return to Salzburg in about three weeks. Information requested is: political situation report, Communist I.O. activities and personnel, possibility of establishing W/T communications with 200/18.

It must be borne in mind that the French may also be in on this project and Saber is attempting to find out if this is true.

(b) Contact with 200/20

200/20 was formerly controlled by the SO, Vienna. He was sent by Metef. Mandl, equipped with W/T, to the Karinthian mountains where he maintained W/T contact with Mandl until the German collapse. Early

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19/10/45 100/23 sent a courier to 200/4 stating that his U/T communications had failed and desired to know if he could establish a new U/T contact and when whom.

1. Czech Project

This project, if it is to be carried out, involves re-establishing U/T contact with 200/4, a chief U/T operator in the Bulgarian Police, 300/1a, where he has been employed since at least 1941. 200/4 worked with Timmelskyer (See Saber Interrog. Rpt. No. 1) as long as the LMX "Schwarze" station was located in the Bulgarian Police Department. During June or July 1944, Saber made arrangements for 200/4 to continue sending information to LMX Hq. even after the Russian occupation. This step-behind U/T contact was successfully maintained until early January 1945 when 200/4 sent a message saying he was being watched and thereafter discontinued to operate.

Since the SS Leaders have obviously placed a close watch over 200/4 or are possibly awaiting an opportunity to establish and control this U/T contact, there remains but one alternative: 200/4 must ascertain the position of 200/3 before any contact is made. 200/3 (wife of 200/7) will depart for Sofia on the next SS transport and could be used to contact 200/4 in behalf of her husband and obtain this information. 200/3 will visit her mother in Berlin.

Julian Riesco (arrested) former LMX U/T operator would be necessary for the U/T operator of this end.

This project is to be considered only as a potential end, as the risks involved are too great for the information that is likely to be obtained. Furthermore 200/4, during his activity for the LMX, sent only military and political information of a local nature and it is impossible to forecast if this project would be source of valuable or worthwhile OS information.

2. Salzburg Project

200/7 is in charge of this project which was planned 14 September. He is Bulgarian with permanent residence in Sofia, since 6 September 1945. Was occasional employee of LMX (interpreter, informant, classified visits, etc.) since 1943. Presently living in Salzburg, Reichenaustrasse 24 with his wife, 200/8, who is expecting to leave for Sofia soon.

On 11.9.45 two Bulgarians, Oskar Ivancoff and Andrey Antoneff arrived in Salzburg from Vienna with travel permits issued by the American and Soviet Military Government Bgs. in Vienna. The reason given for this journey was to locate a friend in this area. They have approximately \$6,000 M and are living with a Bulgarian gardener, Valentinov Popovski in Salzburg.

Ivancoff and Antoneff are likely NKVD agents for the following reasons:  
(a) They complained that the Bulgarians were being strictly controlled by the Vienna police since the Americans arrived there. (b) During their numerous conversations with local Bulgarians, their chief interest invariably centered on: how many American troops in Stadt and Land; where; what types of troops are they and what weapons do they have; what and in what quantities is ammunition found in the American areas.

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DD 200 Richard Kender & Saber  
200/1 Basimot  
200/2 Stephan Keresztes  
200/3 Pavel Mihailov  
200/4 Bartosik  
200/5 Horan Tukovic  
200/6 Popoff  
200/7 Dragomir Predanoff  
200/8 Jana Predanoff  
200/9 Jana Jordanova  
200/10 Zrinka Nahl  
200/11 Ivethov  
200/12 Gergo Matov  
200/13 Ivolya Kalman  
200/14 Elena  
200/15 Adela J. John Lah  
200/16 Bratislav Domjanovic  
200/17 Niedrag Milevnaovic  
200/18 Dr. Zoran Iakacovic  
200/19 Rada Pavlovsic  
200/20 Capt. Gasparevic  
200/21 Kissen Georgieff  
200/22 Benjen Walschaff  
200/23 Christo Wartanoff  
200/24 Jana Armandoff  
200/25 Tantsche, Tantschaff  
200/26 Libertin Dimitroff

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